

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Health	(2) MEETING DATE 2/28/2012	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Penny Borenstein (805) 781-5519	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a three-year renewal agreement (Clerk's File) with the California Department of Public Health to implement the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program for the period October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2014.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve: (1) the three-year renewal agreement (Clerk's File) with the California Department of Public Health to implement the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program for the period of October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2014; and (2) authorize the Health Agency Director to sign subsequent amendments with the California Department of Public Health for the WIC Nutrition Program that do not increase the level of General Fund Support for the Division.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Federal	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$1,327,383	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$1,327,383	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		(12) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(13) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(14) W-9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
(15) LOCATION MAP N/A	(16) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(17) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date <u>12/9/2008 - A9</u>	
(18) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Reviewed by Leslie Brown			
(19) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Request to approve a three-year renewal agreement (Clerk's File) with the California Department of Public Health to implement the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program for the period October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

The three-year renewal agreement with the California Department of Public Health to implement the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program for the period of October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2014 was not received until December 30, 2011.

The WIC Program is a federally funded program that provides healthy supplemental foods and nutrition counseling for pregnant women, new mothers, infants and children under the age of five. The program has been in operation in our community since 1976. The program provides nutrition education, breastfeeding promotion, medical care and social service referrals, and coupons to purchase specific supplemental nutritious foods which are high in protein and/or iron. The specific nutritious foods provided to participants include peanut butter, beans, milk, cheese, eggs, fresh fruit and vegetables, whole grain bread and cereal products, iron-fortified infant formula, and juices. These coupons are redeemed at participating grocery stores.

The goals of the WIC Program are to reduce the complications of pregnancy, reduce iron deficiency anemia in women, infants and children, decrease the prevalence of low birth weight infants, and promote the optimum growth and development of infants and young children. Numerous national studies have shown that participation in the WIC Program results in healthier pregnancies and birth outcomes, and better growth and development of young children. The WIC Program has been proven to improve cognitive development and access to regular health care and social services. The WIC Program prevents iron deficiency anemia and helps increase breastfeeding rates of WIC Program mothers through support and counseling. WIC Program children begin school with a healthy foundation, ready to learn.

The WIC Program is available to low income pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women and children under age five who are at nutritional risk and who are at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level. The WIC Program operates two permanent sites in Grover Beach and Paso Robles and five satellite offices located in Atascadero, Cambria, Morro Bay, Nipomo, and San Luis Obispo.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has approved the agreement as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The agreement includes maximum funding in the amount of \$1,464,000 for Federal Fiscal Year 2011-12 (October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012). The State authorized funding amount for Federal Fiscal Year 2011-12 is \$1,223,240.

The available funding in FY 2011-12 is estimated at \$1,327,383. The funding allocation represents fourth quarter FFY 2010-11 revenues (July 1-September 30, 2011) in the amount of \$409,953 and the first three quarters of FFY 2011-12 funding (October 1, 2011-June 30, 2012) in the amount of \$917,430 for a total of \$1,327,383.

The FY 2011-12 adopted county budget is \$1,470,642. The estimated FY 2011-12 WIC funding allocation of \$1,327,383 reflects a shortfall of \$143,259. Due to the shortfall of \$143,259, 1.5 FTE vacant positions will remain vacant through the end of FY 2011-12 for a cost savings of \$92,707. Service and supply costs were reduced by \$50,552 for a total overall expense reduction of \$143,259.

Approval of this agreement will not increase the level of General Fund support required by the Public Health Department.

RESULTS

In FY 2010-11, the WIC Program served 100% (4,848) of its monthly-allocated caseload, which is in compliance with the State mandate that local agencies serve between 97% and 100% of their allocated monthly caseload. Services provided to participants will include:

- coupons to purchase healthy foods
- nutrition and breastfeeding education
- childhood obesity prevention education
- referrals to health care and other social services.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Clerk's File Statement for: Three-year renewal agreement with the California Department of Public Health to implement the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program for the period October 1, 2011 through September 20, 2014